

SECTION 16: INSPECTOR TRAINING AND LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION

16.1 TRAINING

All inspectors receive formal training and are licensed to perform inspections. Prospective inspectors receive two days training and must pass a written test covering all aspects of the training. The program ensures the security and integrity of the testing process. Completion of inspector training and passing of the required test is a condition of licensing. Upon completion of the training requirement and submittal of an application, an individual is eligible to be licensed as a Louisiana Mechanic Inspector (LA R.S. 32:1305, Appendix B).

16.2 LICENSING

If an inspector has been unlicensed for one year or more he must be retrained before inspecting any vehicle. The administrative authority reserves the right to withdraw for cause its authorization of any inspector or to re-examine a mechanic at any time. Licenses should not be considered a legal right but rather a privilege bestowed by the program conditional upon adherence to program requirements.

Inspector training imparts knowledge of the following:

- the causes and effects of the air pollution problem;
- the purpose, function and goal of the enhanced I/M program;
- state inspection regulations and procedures;
- technical details of the test procedures and the rationale for their design;
- emission control device function, configuration and inspection;
- test equipment operation, calibration and maintenance;
- QC procedures and their purpose;
- public relations;
- safety and health issues related to the inspection process; and
- OBD

16.3 TESTING

The trainee is given a written test and must score at least 80% to pass. Along with taking the written test, the trainee must physically demonstrate the ability to conduct a proper inspection and to accurately utilize test equipment and other procedures. The trainee fails the overall test if he fails to score at least 80% on the written portion or does not properly demonstrate the ability to conduct the inspection. The program takes appropriate steps to ensure the integrity of the testing process.